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Charles says

## The Old Year is behind us

With its successes and its failures, its joys and its sorrows. We should not spend valuable time in regretting and complaining, but face the glorious New Year with renewed hope and confidence and the determination to succeed, or be worthy of success.

For the beautiful little village of Paw Paw and all its people we wish a prosperous and Happy New Year.

And as we write these last words of the dying old year, we want to thank you all for your patronage and kindness to

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## MRS. B. L. SOWLE ENTERTAINED

The What-So-Ever Club Last Wednesday Evening. Christmas Tree Was Feature of Evening.

Mrs. Byron L. Sowle entertained the children (?) who are so fortunate as to be members of the What-So-Ever club at her pleasant and cozy home on Grooms street last Wednesday evening. Every member of the club but one was present. The house was prettily decorated in Christmas festoons of red and green and the true spirit of Christmas seemed even present in the air. The main attraction, as ever at this time of year, was the Christmas tree, which was kept hidden until all was in readiness, when the curtain was drawn aside and the beautiful tree revealed, laden with gifts for all, ranging from air-shots and automobiles to the customary sacks of nuts and candy. Gifts were exchanged among the members and all felt that it was indeed a gay and happy Christmas time.

Dainty refreshments were served by the kind and ever willing hostess. Good night, Merry Christmas and Happy New Years were said and all returned to their respective homes with the feeling that it was good to be alive and to know that Christmas comes at least once a year.

## PIE GOT "CHILI" RECEPTION.

When a lady of mature years and supposedly sound mind dresses to spend the day in Kalamazoo, and then upon her arrival there that she has her dress skirt on wrong side out, one would naturally suppose that the limit had been reached. Such is not the case however. Last week one of Paw Paw's estimable ladies, who by the way is a model of neatness and precision, made a fine mince pie to take to a birthday party. The good lady who prides herself on her culinary ability noticed that the pie was not relished as she had anticipated it would be, and was somewhat humiliated to find a goodly portion of it left when she came to go home, and that it had been put in her basket. On her arrival home an examination of the pie revealed the fact that she had used chili sauce instead of mince meat for filling; which probably accounts for the chilly reception the pie received. We now think that, without exception, the limit has been reached. Those who desire the full particulars, and would dare take the chance, might ask Martha.

Paul Broughton and George Paige spent Christmas in Kalamazoo.

## CALENDAR WILL BE A LIGHT ONE

Only 84 Cases Listed for January Term of Court. Five Criminal.

## THIRTY-THREE DIVORCE CASES

Bill of Complaint Filed by Wife in 23 Cases. Court Will Convene Monday, January 10.

The calendar for the January term of circuit court for Van Buren county has been completed and is now in the hands of the printer. It consists of a total of 84 cases, divided as follows: Criminal 5; issues of fact, jury, 20; issues of fact, non-jury, 1; chancery, 1st class, 31; chancery, 4th class, 27. This is much lighter than the last October calendar, and yet there will be enough work to keep the court busy for several weeks at least. Some of the cases are important ones and will consume considerable time.

The criminal calendar as made up is as follows: Forry L. Brot, charged with abandonment; Francis J. Birney, embezzlement; Edward Clark, burglary; Arthur Gibbons, burglary; Fred M. Sauer, forgery.

The embezzlement case against Francis J. Birney of Lawton will probably be the first to be tried and will undoubtedly consume the greater part of the week. The chancery side of the calendar contains the usual number of divorce cases, being 33 in number. Of this list 13 will be contested, while in the other 20 no appearance of defendant has been entered and it is presumed there will be no defense. Of the 33 cases, the bill of complaint was filed by the wife in 23 cases and in the other ten by the husband. It is barely possible that the parties to some of the above suits may change their minds before the cases are called, but in that event there will still be enough left.

Circuit Judge Des Voignes has made a new court rule, which requires before any judgment shall be entered on the court journal or any decree signed, that all judgment or decree fees together with any and all other fees that may be due and unpaid to any of the officers of the court in such case, shall be paid in full to the clerk of the court.

Court will convene Monday, January 10 and the jurors have been summoned to appear Monday, January 17 at 10 o'clock a. m.

## WM. KILLEFER AGAIN HONORED

Has Served Chapter as High Priest for Eleven Years. One of the Best Masonic Workers in State.

Paw Paw chapter No. 34 R. A. M. elected officers at the regular convocation last Monday evening. Wm. Killefer was again honored by being elected to the office of High Priest by the unanimous vote of the chapter. He has served his chapter in the capacity of High Priest for eleven years, the last seven of which have been consecutive. Mr. Killefer is considered one of the best Masonic workers in the state, and his election for so many years to the highest office within the gift of his companions is a high tribute to his ability and a fitting testimonial of the esteem in which he is held. He has felt from year to year that he has served his time and would like to be relieved of the responsibilities and duties of the office, but each time has reluctantly acceded to the wishes of his chapter. Under his wise guidance and splendid work the chapter has flourished and is now in a prosperous condition with bright prospects for the future.

Following are the officers as elected and installed for the ensuing year: Wm. Killefer, H. P.; B. F. Hecker, King; E. M. Chase, Scribe; E. S. Briggs, C. of H.; F. N. Wakeman, P. S.; H. C. Waters, R. A. C.; C. C. Young, M. 31 V.; Fred Schuneman, M. 24 V.; G. W. Lee, M. 1st V.; W. C. Y. Ferguson, sec.; E. F. Parks, treas.; C. W. Reynolds, sen.

After the election and installation of officers the M. M. degree was conferred on A. W. Mosier of Attawan, after which refreshments were served.

**TRIP THROUGH THE WEST.**  
Bert Spicer, Western Union telegraph operator and train dispatcher for the Fruit Belt line, and his wife returned last week Monday from an extended trip through the west. Mr. Spicer was given a 30 days' leave of absence as a mark of appreciation of his services to the company. Mr. and Mrs. Spicer thoroughly appreciate the courtesy extended to them and report a delightful trip.

**HOG BROUGHT \$50.00.**  
Joe Solomon of Almena brought to Paw Paw last week one of the finest and largest hogs that has ever been marketed here. It dressed 500 pounds, and was bought by Fred Ocoebok for the model market. The porker brought Mr. Solomon \$50.00 in cold cash. Pretty fair price for one hog.

## SUPERVISORS MEET MONDAY

Canvass of Local Option Petitions Will be Most Important Business to Come Before Board.

The board of supervisors will meet in adjourned session on the third day of January. The principal business that is likely to come before the board will be the consideration of the local option petitions. The petitions have not yet all been filed with the county clerk, but will, no doubt, be so filed before next Monday morning.

Quite a number of signatures from different precincts have been written to the clerk asking that their names be removed, but it is unlikely that there will be a sufficient number of such removals to invalidate the petitions.

The people of the county are considerably wrought up over the question and it forms the topic of discussion wherever two or three or more persons are assembled. If the election is called, it is likely to be the hottest contest over the matter ever held in the county.

The saloon advocates profess to have strong hope that the county will go wet, but the friends of the law are very confident of winning out as they have always done before, but their confidence will not keep them from making a stiff fight.

Since the amended liquor law went into effect the first of last September there have been but seven convictions in the county for drunkenness, and conditions so far as the abuse of liquor are concerned were never better than at the present time.

## ANNUAL DERBY SMOKER.

About 16 of the young men of Paw Paw gave what is known as the "Annual Derby Day Smoker" last Christmas evening in honor of the Paw Paw boys from away who came home to spend the holidays. The event was held in the club rooms in the Longwell block. Dr. Boyd Kelley, Fred Stevens, Ward Barram, Frank Sowle, Wade Killefer and George Paige were the guests of honor. The boys report a royal good time and say that there was not a dull minute from start to finish. The fact that one of the boys who drove in from the country walked home, forgetting all about having left his horse in the livery barn, and walked to town next morning after the rig, will in years to come add pleasant memories to the occasion.

## CUTLER-GILBERT NUPTIALS.

A very quiet home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Frank Cutler last week Thursday evening when her daughter, Martha L. was united in marriage to Lawrence E. Gilbert of Kalamazoo. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Olivia J. C. Woodman in the presence of only immediate relatives and friends of the couple. The groom's sister Miss Ruth Gilbert was the only out of town guest. After the ceremony a dainty wedding supper was served, after which the happy couple left for a short wedding trip. They will be at home at 603 Reed street, Kalamazoo, after Jan. 1. The couple have the best wishes and congratulations of a host of Paw Paw friends.

## FRANK LONGDUFF IS HONEST.

Frank Longduff is entitled to a long credit mark. He is possessed of one at least of the qualifications which go to make a success of life. In other words he is an honest boy. Last week he found a pocketbook containing \$40.00 in currency. This would be a small fortune for Frank, but honest boy that he is, he promptly found the owner, and turned the pocketbook and contents over to her. She was overjoyed to have the money restored to her, and promptly rewarded the boy for his honesty. The Longduff boy's conduct in this matter is worthy of comment, and also of emulation by the youth of the land.

## BANGS-GRISWOLD NUPTIALS.

Miss Alice Bangs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Bangs, was united in marriage to Myron W. Griswold of Chicago at the home of her parents last Tuesday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. W. Harvey at 10 a. m., after which a three course wedding breakfast was served. Only the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties were present. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold left on the 1:42 p. m. train from Lawton for Chicago, their future home. Both the contracting parties are well and favorably known in Paw Paw, and the good wishes and congratulations of a host of friends will accompany the happy couple to their new home.

## "THE LAND MAN."

W. T. Davis who purchased the O'Connell farm two miles north of Paw Paw last March and with his family spent the summer there, has charge of the Prairie Farmer, one of the oldest publications of its class in the west. He is known as "The Land Man" and writes many articles of real merit for the press.

## GRAPE MEETING AT LAWTON.

Quite a number from Paw Paw attended the grape growers meeting at Lawton Wednesday. The meeting was well attended and enthusiastic, but we are unable to give a complete report in this issue. The matter will receive proper attention in next week's issue.

## PROSPECTS GOOD FOR REAL WINTER

Heaviest Fall of Snow in Years for This Time of the Year.

## SNOWED TWENTY-ONE DAYS

During December. Thursday Night Coldest of the Year. Good Prospects for a Fine Ice Crop.

And still it snows. People are beginning to ask themselves the question, will it ever stop? It has snowed 21 days during the month of December and the "beautiful" is now over twelve inches deep on the level. It has been six years since there has been as much snow on the ground at this time of the year. Sleighing is fine and those who have logs and wood to haul are taking advantage of it. There has been little or no wind and there are no drifts to speak of. The temperature during the month has been rather mild, reaching the zero mark but once, and that on Tuesday night of this week. Various thermometers in town registered from two to six degrees above zero Wednesday morning, but several registering thermometers went down as low as 12 degrees below during the night. There were 19 days during the month that the mercury did not get down to the freezing mark and up until Tuesday night six above was the lowest mark.

Prospects are good for the ice crop this year. It is now about nine inches thick, and in places where the snow has been kept off good ice is now being harvested. In places where the snow is deep, however, there is several inches of slush on the ice, spoiling it for immediate cutting. There is little fear, however, of an ice famine this year.

In years gone by the amount of snow that we now have would have been a serious handicap to the local railway service. Not so this year, however, and the K. L. S. & C. Co. are entitled to credit for the excellent service that has been given the public during the stormy month. All trains have with but few exceptions made the schedule time. The new engine is a valuable addition to the equipment, although at present it cannot be used east of Newbre. The curve under the M. C. R. R. track at that place is too short to allow the big engine to pass under.

## HOLDS LAW TO BE DIRECTORY

Judge Coolidge Held that Wrong Initiating on Ballots Does not Invalidate the Election of Clerk.

Judge O. W. Coolidge of the Berrien circuit, sitting for Judge Des Voignes, handed down an interesting decision last Friday in a contested election case from Cass county.

Robert Anderson, democratic candidate for clerk of Cass county in the election of November, 1908, began quo warranto proceedings to determine the right of Carleton Rinehart, the republican candidate, to hold the office. Anderson's contest was based on the contention that the ballots cast in the township of Calvin, a republican stronghold, were illegal because the inspector had initialed them on the perforated corner instead of the opposite corner.

Judge Coolidge holds that the law in this respect is directory and not mandatory and that the ballots were properly initialed within the meaning of the law and the contestant therefore loses his case.

There was no dispute as to the facts and no charge of fraud or collusion, the wrong initialed being done through ignorance and no intentional wrong was done.

The court holds that no one's rights were prejudiced by failure to properly initial the ballots and that the object of the law was not in any way defeated.

## BILL KILLEFER GONE SOUTH.

Billie Killefer left for St. Louis last Tuesday. He has a good position there which he will fill until the opening of the baseball season, when he will join his team mates of the St. Louis club on their training trip in the south. His collar bone, which was broken in a game last season, has entirely healed and he anticipates no trouble from it next year. It now looks as though Billie will be the main stay of the catching force for the St. Louis team the coming year. The veterans of the team are gone and Bill was the most promising youngster that broke into last company last year.

## SAW JEFFRIES IN ACTION.

Quite a sprinkling of the sporting contingent of Paw Paw went to Kalamazoo last night to see the mighty Jeffries in action. The consensus of opinion this morning is that Johnson hasn't a ghost of a show to win in the coming battle.

## WHISTERS WILL COME.

The strong Bangor Whist Club will try titles with the local whist team at Paw Paw some day next week. The Bangor team is one of the strongest playing teams in south western Michigan and the locals are anticipating a battle royal.

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